

**PROJECT FACT SHEET
GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS**

PROJECT NAME AND STATE: Ohio River Main Stem Systems Study

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: A regional "systems approach" to adequately address the investments needed to provide an efficient navigation system on the Ohio River Mainstem will be undertaken in this study. The Ohio River Mainstem consists of 19 locks and dams from Cairo, Illinois to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The feasibility study will identify projected use of the system, forecast the adequacy of the system, identify long term maintenance, major rehabilitation and/or new construction needs and identify significant economic, environmental and social impacts, which may result from any identified improvements.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50,300,000

Total Federal Cost: \$50,300,000

Total Non-Federal Cost: N/A

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: The project is fully funded under General Appropriations fund.

CURRENT STATUS: Currently, a System Investment Plan (SIP) is scheduled for completion in September 2005. The SIP will recommend an optimized plan for future investment needs along the Ohio River navigation system and recommend site-specific feasibility studies be conducted. Additionally, along with the SIP a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) is being prepared and coordinated with federal, state and local resource agencies. The PEIS will include a Cumulative Effects Assessment of previous and future actions.

AUTHORIZATION: N/A

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Hamilton (IN-8), Hostettler (IN-9), Crane (IL-8), Poshard (IL-19), Whitfield (KY-1), Lewis (KY-2), Northup (KY-3), Bunning (KY-4), Chabot (OH-1), Portman (OH-2), Strickland (OH-6), Ryan (OH-17), Hart (PA-4), Doyle (PA-14), Murphy (PA-18), Mollohan (WV-1), Caputto (WV-2), Rahall (WV-3)

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